



# TRANSITION TOWN DORCHESTER NEWSLETTER



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Change is an important word in Transition. Preparing for it is one of Transition's greatest cornerstones as we're all gonna have to make some big ones in the weeks, months and years ahead in the surge towards energy descent. As crude oil bounced back up to \$70 barrel changes in how we deal with energy, food and transport seem more urgent than ever.

Good news then that some of our new theme groups and projects are heading more positively in this direction. Check out the new local projects pages on the website to see where it's all going....things are certainly hotting up!!! To join-in, begin, or be involved in any Transition projects; [click here to to start](#) ...and email us here; [info\(AT\)transitiontowndorchester\(DOT\)org](mailto:info(AT)transitiontowndorchester(DOT)org)

### Last Month's Events...

Apart from the ever popular Green Drinks, last month Jon ran an amazing [Earth Oven workshop](#) at Batcombe with local Transitioners learning how to build an earth oven and cook in it all in a day. The warm weather, beautiful woodland surroundings and share of local and home made food including the oven cooked pizzas helped with this hugely successful event. Jon is leading more earth oven sessions in coming months with the next at Hillfield Friary so if you want to try your hand (and feet) then let us know.

The organic veg farm walk at Green and Pleasant was another popular event helping people reconnect with local food production and understand the ups and downs of organically grown food that tastes good and doesn't cost the earth. For opportunities to taste the goods email Dan at [greenandpleasant@googlemail.com](mailto:greenandpleasant@googlemail.com) or visit the farm shop at [www.sydling.co.uk](http://www.sydling.co.uk)

### THIS MONTH...

#### **Bikeability Training Sunday 14th June 2-5pm St Osmunds Leisure Centre, Dorchester**

Scared to get back in the saddle? Or want to improve your bikeability skills? FREE adult cycle training can help lift your confidence or remember what you can & can't do on two wheels on the roads. Aimed at adults and teenagers this fun training is run with Cycloan who can also loan you a bike for the day [www.cycloan.co.uk](http://www.cycloan.co.uk)  
Adam has more info, you can email him here; [A.Bows@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:A.Bows@dorsetcc.gov.uk)



#### **Dorchester Carnival Bike Doctor - Saturday 20th June**

A must if your bike is still in post-winter trauma or has been neglected a bit; visit the town centre stand at Dorchester Carnival for a free bike check

#### **Family Bike Ride with Tea and Cake Stop Sunday 21st June**

Dorchester to Moreton, meet at 10am outside Dorchester Cycles, 31 Great Western Road, for a 9 to 18 mile bike ride to Moreton with the option to stop for a rest and tea and cakes. Return by train from Moreton Station for a 9 mile option if you think you can't go the full distance...

Contact Adam for further info: [A.Bows@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:A.Bows@dorsetcc.gov.uk) Tel: 01305 228228

#### **Transition Library and Book Store - now open**

Reading up on Transition issues? Retrofitting, composting, or growing veg for the first time? The Transition Library is a good place to begin finding some of the answers.

As well as our lending library of books and films, we've linked with Green Books so you can now buy books to own and use time and again or choose those birthday and Christmas presents with Transition in mind. Transition Town Dorchester gets 10% of any sales when you use our book-links to buy; [click here to see the Transition Library](#)

#### **Youth Assembly on Transition Towns - 16th and 18th June**

Young people from Thomas Hardy School are leading school assemblies on Transition Towns and Peak Oil - we think this is really great news - so good luck and well done!

## Gardenshare begins 1st July online; or sign up at our Green Drinks

This is a new project based on the hugely successful schemes in Totnes, Bath, Cambridge and loads of other Transition Towns

Gardenshare basically links people who have an unused corner of their garden - **Garden Owners** with local, committed growers who want a plot of ground to treat it as if it were their own garden (or maybe they are number hundred-and-something on the allotments waiting list and are getting a bit hungry!) - these are the **Gardeners**

**Garden Owner** benefits include: the demise of nettle-farming, a share of the produce, the chance to link with other Gardenshare Owners and the pleasure of seeing a developing vegetable plot emerging

**Gardeners** get a secure plot on which to grow whatever that they choose, lots of vegetables to eat (or flowers if you prefer) and the chance to reconnect with the soil, link with other Gardenshare Gardeners or learn new gardening skills

For more details on how it works or to join contact:

[gardenshare\(AT\)transitiontowndorchester\(DOT\)org](mailto:gardenshare(AT)transitiontowndorchester(DOT)org) or ring Linda on 07967 366990



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## Gardenshare Co-Ordinator

## Job Advertisement

Initially a voluntary role 1 day per week plus expenses

- Are you friendly, an excellent communicator and a good judge of character?
- Do you have an enthusiasm for gardening and a positive approach to being part of Dorchester's Transition solutions?
- Are you good at organising and promoting activities, simple administration, connecting and helping people?
- Do you want to volunteer for up to one day per week and get involved in Gardenshare? Support and training will be provided



If the answer is **YES** please contact Linda at:

[gardenshare\(AT\)transitiontowndorchester\(DOT\)org](mailto:gardenshare(AT)transitiontowndorchester(DOT)org) or go to [www.transitiontowndorchester.org](http://www.transitiontowndorchester.org) for more details. Closing date 30<sup>th</sup> July.

Gardenshare is led by Transition Town Dorchester in Partnership with Magna Housing, Dorchester Area Partnership, Age Concern, POPPs and DA21

## Coming up...

**Green Drinks** Tuesday 7th July - from 7pm at Tom Brown's, High East Street

**Energy Group Meeting** Wednesday 15th July ...if you're interested in this group please email [info\(AT\)transitiontowndorchester\(DOT\)org](mailto:info(AT)transitiontowndorchester(DOT)org)

**Transition at Tolpuddle** (to be confirmed)

**Casterbridge Food Co-operative Barbeque and Social** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July, Tom Brown's

**Transition Town Dorchester Local Food Market** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August Dorchester Town Centre

## Local Events Calendar

Check out more events at [www.transitiontowndorchester.org/events.html](http://www.transitiontowndorchester.org/events.html)

## Transition Culture

for news of what's happening on Rob's Blog and in the wider Transition world, see Transition Culture [www.transitionculture.org](http://www.transitionculture.org)